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SUBJECT: SAM BROWN VISIT TO CONGO

1. SUMMARY: CONGOLESE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND RURAL
ECONOMY (AGRICULTURE) HAVE FORMALLY REQUESTED PEACE CORPS PROGRAM,
AGREEMENT TO BE WORKED OUT DURING VISIT HERE NEXT MONTH BY PC
DIRECTOR PAYTON AND PC AFRICAN REGIONAL DIRECTOR GAYMON. END
SUMMARY.

2. ACTION DIRECTOR BROWN VISITED CONGO, JANUARY 27-31, INCLUDING
TRAVEL OUT OF BRAZZAVILLE TO QUESSO AND POINTE-NOIRE.

3. DURING JANUARY 28 MEETING, RURAL ECONOMY (AGRICULTURE) MINISTER
MOUAMBENGA ASKED BROWN FOR PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST IN
CULTIVATION OF PADDY RICE AND CORN. HE HAS SPECIFIC GOALS IN MIND:
AN INCREASE IN PRODUCTION OVER 2-3 YEARS TO 23,000 MT OF CORN AND
16,000 MT OF PADDY RICE. BROWN SAID WE WERE PLEASED WITH POSSIBILITY
OF WORKING TOWARD CLEAR-CUT OBJECTIVE. MANY DETAILS HAVE TO BE
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WORKED OUT, OF COURSE, AND WE MUST DISCUSS AN OVERALL AGREEMENT
FIRST, BROWN ADDED. MOUAMBENGA WAS VERY MUCH IN AGREEMENT, AND
ASKED THAT MS. PAYTON BRING ALONG DRAFT TEXT. MOUAMBENGA CLEARLY
APPRECIATED THAT NO CAPITAL PROJECTS WERE ENVISAGED; THAT FURTHER,
IT WILL BE UP TO APPROPRIATE GOCB MINISTRIES TO CO-OPERATE IN
PLANNING PROGRAMS AND PROVIDING SUPERVISION FOR PCVS AS WELL AS
OFFERING MODEST HOUSING. HE ALSO IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS

USING PCVS TO IMPLEMENT FISHING PROJECTS INTEGRATED WITH RICE AND CORN CULTIVATION.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER OBENGA CONFIRMED THAT POLITICAL DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO INVITE PC, AND REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO AGREEMENT HAVING BEEN RECEIVED FROM INTERIOR MINISTER (AND CMP MEMBER). KATALI, WITH WHOM CHARGE HAD SPOKEN EARLIER IN WEEK. OBENGA ACKNOWLEDGED PAST GOCB ERROR OF REQUESTING GRANDIOSE PROJECTS FROM POTENTIAL DONORS, BEING GIVEN PROMISES, AND RECEIVING NOTHING IN THE END. NOW, WITH PEACE CORPS, CONGO IS REQUESTING ASSISTANCE TO ACCOMPLISH CERTAIN GOALS (RICE AND CORN PRODUCTION); ONCE THOSE ARE FULFILLED, OTHER PC PROJECTS CAN BE CONTEMPLATED. OBENGA UNDERSTANDS NEED FOR GENERAL AGREEMENT AND SUBSEQUENT STUDIES, LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL TRAINING, AND LOOKS FORWARD TO DETAILS BEING WORKED OUT BY "TECHNICIANS" DURING MS. PAYTON'S VISIT. BROWN CONCLUDED MEETING BY EMPHASIZING THAT WE WANTED TO DEVELOP CONGOLESE COUNTERPART PERSONNEL, AND WISHED SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS, NOT SIMPLY PUBLIC RELATIONS, FROM PC PROGRAM HERE, BOTH GOALS WELCOMED BY FOREIGN MINISTER.

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